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Notice to the General Public

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Attention: General Public

Subject: Stormwater discharge to Municipal Storm Water Systems (NPDES – Phase II)

To whom it may concern;

Please note, effective March 10, 2003 the City of Bethlehem is subject to the new Federal NPDES – Phase II mandates for Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4). This means the City will endeavor to monitor all earth disturbance and contributions to the Municipal Storm Sewer System within the City Limits to assist in the protection of the quality of it's creeks and rivers. Any illegal contribution to the City's storm system will be noted and the violators will be issued a warning and asked to correct the violation. If the violation continues the violators will be subject to penalties outlined in the Storm Water Management Regulations (Article 925). These regulations are currently under review and will be amended to comply with the new federal requirements.

The quality of our waterways is everyone's concern and mutual consideration and cooperation is expected to maintain the quality of Pennsylvania's waterways.

Stormwater discharge is exactly what it says, water generated from a storm event. No other runoff should be directed to the stormwater system. Per DEP's Model Ordinance the only other discharges allowed are:

Discharges from potable sources including
dechlorinated water line and fire hydrant
flushings.

Lawn watering

Uncontaminated ground water

Springs

Pavement wash waters where spills or
leaks of toxic or hazardous materials
have not occurred.

Dechlorinated swimming pool discharges

Irrigation Drainage

Air conditioning condensation

Flows from riparian habitats & wetlands

Uncontaminated discharges from foundation or footing
drains.

Water from crawl space pumps

Individual residential car washing

Discharges from firefighting activities

The above are only permitted if they do not pose a significant contribution to pollution to surface waters of the Commonwealth.

We appreciate your understanding and hope for mutual cooperation to ensure compliance with these new regulations. If there are any questions please call Christine C. Decker, Project Engineer 610-865-7064. Thank you.



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